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A compound of structural formula I: 26.

$$R^{1}$$
 V
 Z
 R^{2}
 I

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

V and W are both N, or V and W are both CH;

Z is selected from CH and N, provided that when V and W are CH, then Z is not

N;

R¹ is H, C₁₋₃ alkyl, C₁₋₃ alkoxy, F, or Cl;

R² is S(O)n R⁶, COR⁶ or CHO, wherein:

n is 0, 1 or 2, and

 R^6 is $N(R^3)_2$ or C_{1-3} alkyl;

R³ is independently H or C₁₋₃ alkyl;

Ar is aryl or heteroaryl;

R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) aryl, either unsubstituted or substituted with
 - (a) halo,
 - (b) C₁₋₃ alkoxy,
 - (c)- $N(C_{1-3} \text{ alkyl})_2$,
 - (d) C2-4 alkanoyl, or
 - (e) aryl,

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- (3) nitro,
- (4) C₁₋₅ alkyl,
- (5) C₁₋₅ alkoxy,
- (6) hydroxy-C₁₋₃ alkyl,
- (7) carboxy,
- (8) halo,
- (9) C₁₋₅ alkylthio,
- (10) C₁₋₅ ethoxycarbonyl,
- (11) pyridylcarbonyl,
- (12) benzoyl,
- (13) phenyl-C₁₋₃ alkoxy,
- (14) pyridyl, either unsubstituted or substituted with C_{1-3} alkyl or C_{1-3} alkoxy,
- (15) C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl,
- (16) oxazolyl,
- (17) thiazolyl,
- (18) triazolyl,
- (19) phenoxy, and
- (20) C₂₋₆ alkanoyl.
- 27. The compound of Claim 26 wherein Z, V and W are N.
- 28. The compound of Claim 27 wherein Ar is phenyl, of structural formula I(a):

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$$R^{1}$$
 V
 R^{2}
 $I(a)$

- 29. The compound of Claim 28 wherein R² is -SO₂(C₁₋₃ alkyl) or SO₂NH₂.
- 30. The compound of Claim 29 wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from: phenyl, pyridyl, benzoyl, halophenyl, phenoxy, C₁₋₅ alkylpyridyl, benzhydryl, phenyl-C₁₋₃ alkoxy, NO₂, C₂₋₄ alkanoyl, halo, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₃ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₅ alkylthio, triazolyl, carboxy, hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, pyridylcarboxy, and C₁₋₃ alkoxyphenyl.
- 31. The compound of Claim 30 wherein Ar is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl having, besides carbon atoms, 1 to 3 hetero atoms selected from N, O or S as atoms constituting the ring, or benzo- or pyrido- fused versions thereof of structural formula I(b):

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$$R^{1}$$
 V
 R^{2}
 R^{2}
 $I(b)$

- 32. The compound of Claim 31 wherein R² is -SO₂(C₁₋₃ alkyl) or SO₂NH₂.
- 33. The compound of Claim 32 wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from: phenyl, pyridyl, benzoyl, halophenyl, phenoxy, C₁₋₅ alkylpyridyl, benzhydryl, phenyl-C₁₋₃ alkoxy, NO₂, C₂₋₄ alkanoyl, halo, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₃ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₅ alkylthio, triazolyl, carboxy, hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, pyridylcarboxy, and C₁₋₃ alkoxyphenyl.
 - 34. The compound of Claim 26 wherein Z is CH and both V and W are N.
 - 35. The compound of Claim 34 wherein Ar is phenyl, of structural formula I(a):

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$$R^{1}$$
 V
 R^{2}
 R^{2}

I(a)

- 36. The compound of Claim 35 wherein R² is -SO₂(C₁₋₃ alkyl) or SO₂NH₂.
- 37. The compound of Claim 36 wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from: phenyl, pyridyl, benzoyl, halophenyl, phenoxy, C₁₋₅ alkylpyridyl, benzhydryl, phenyl-C₁₋₃ alkoxy, NO₂, C₂₋₄ alkanoyl, halo, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₃ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₅ alkylthio, triazolyl, carboxy, hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, pyridylcarboxy, and C₁₋₃ alkoxyphenyl.
- 38. The compound of Claim 37 wherein Ar is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl having, besides carbon atoms, 1 to 3 hetero atoms selected from N, O or S as atoms constituting the ring, or benzo- or pyrido- fused versions thereof of structural formula I(b):

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$$R^{1}$$
 V
 R^{2}
 R^{2}
 $I(b)$

- 39. The compound of Claim 38 wherein R^2 is $-SO_2(C_{1-3}$ alkyl) or SO_2NH_2 .
- 40. The compound of Claim 39 wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from: phenyl, pyridyl, benzoyl, halophenyl, phenoxy, C₁₋₅ alkylpyridyl, benzhydryl, phenyl-C₁₋₃ alkoxy, NO₂, C₂₋₄ alkanoyl, halo, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₃ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₅ alkylthio, trįazolyl, carboxy, hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, pyridylcarboxy, and C₁₋₃ alkoxyphenyl.
 - 41. The compound of Claim 26 wherein Z, V and W are CH.
 - 42. The compound of Claim 41 wherein Ar is phenyl, of structural formula I(a):

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$$R^{1}$$
 V
 R^{5}
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{4}
 R^{5}
 R^{5}

- 43. The compound of Claim 42 wherein R² is -SO₂(C₁₋₃ alkyl) or SO₂NH₂.
- 44. The compound of Claim 43 wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from: phenyl, pyridyl, benzoyl, halophenyl, phenoxy, C₁₋₅ alkylpyridyl, benzhydryl, phenyl-C₁₋₃ alkoxy, NO₂, C₂₋₄ alkanoyl, halo, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₃ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₅ alkylthio, triazolyl, carboxy, hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, pyridylcarboxy, and C₁₋₃ alkoxyphenyl.
- 45. The compound of Claim 44 wherein Ar is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl having, besides carbon atoms, 1 to 3 hetero atoms selected from N, O or S as atoms constituting the ring, or benzo- or pyrido- fused versions thereof of structural formula I(b):

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$$R^{1}$$
 V
 Z
 R^{2}
 $I(b)$

- 46. The compound of Claim 45 wherein R² is -SO₂(C₁₋₃ alkyl) or SO₂NH₂.
- 47. The compound of Claim 46 wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from: phenyl, pyridyl, benzoyl, halophenyl, phenoxy, C₁₋₅ alkylpyridyl, benzhydryl, phenyl-C₁₋₃ alkoxy, NO₂, C₂₋₄ alkanoyl, halo, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₃ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₅ alkylthio, triazolyl, carboxy, hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, pyridylcarboxy, and C₁₋₃ alkoxyphenyl.
- 48. The compound of Claim 26 wherein R^2 is $-COR^6$ of structural formula I(d):

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{V} Ar \xrightarrow{R^{4}} R^{5}$$

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{V} O = \overset{1}{C} - R^{6}$$

$$I(d)$$

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

49. The compound of Claim 48 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof selected from those depicted in the following Table:

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50. A method of treating Y5 receptor mediated disease selected from the group consisting of obesity, anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipemia, hypercholesterolemia, congestive heart failure, renal dysfunction, sexual/reproductive disorders, depression, anxiety, epileptic seizure, memory loss, migraine, cerebral hemorrhage, nasal congestion, gastrointestinal disorders, and arthritis, which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment a non-toxic therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 26 that antagonizes the Y5 receptor.

- 51. The method of Claim 50 wherein the Y5 mediated disease is obesity.
- 52. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an effective amount of a compound of claim 26.